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## WHAT THE VARIOUS KEYS IN MUSIC STAND FOR.

The meaning of the different keys in music is thus set down in a letter written in 1808, and printed in a book entitled, "Letters on the Celebrated Composer,

F-This key is rich, mild, sober, and contempla

D-minor possesses the same qualities, but of a heavier and darker cast; more doleful, solemn, and

C-Bold, vigorous, and commanding; suited to the expression of war and enterprise A-minor—Plaintive, but not feeble.

A-minor—Plaintive, but not feeble.

G—Gay and sprightly; being the medium key, it is adapted to the greatest range of subjects.

E-minor—Persuasive, soft, and tender.

D—Ample, grand, and noble; having more fire than C, it is suited to lottiest purposes.

B-minor—Bewailing, but in too high a tone to ex-

A—Golden, warm, and sunny.
F-sharp minor—Mournfully grand.
E—Bright and pellucid, adapted to brilliant sub-

which do not suit good teachers. Such teachers will others, the regularity of its beauty renders it a uni-

C-minor-Complaining, having something of the

cast of B-minor case of D-minor.

A flat—The most lovely of the tribe. Unassuming, gentle, soft, delicate, and tender, having none of the pertness of A in sharps. Every author has been sensible of the charm of this key, and has reserved it for the expression of his most refined sentiments.

F-minor—Religious, penitential, and gloomy. D-flat—Awfully dark.

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Mr. William H Sherwood will teach give reci-tias and play in concerts at the Chautanqua (N.Y.) Assembly, from July 12th to August 14th inclusive. G Minor Concerto at the "M. T. N. A," Annual Con-vention, in New York, June 24th, giving also a reci-tal and other performances in that city for the "M. T. N. A.," besides taking a prominent part in the Mieligan (Dertott) and New York (Binghamton)

Muchigani (Detroit) and New Fork (Binghamton) Music Teachers' meetings.

At the Toronto Conservatory Commencement, in June, he will conduct the annual examinations in the piano department, as usual, and give a recitat. A similar engagement will take him, June 8th, to St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Illinois, where his sister, Eleano Sterwood, is music director.

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### "FORMLESS MUSIC."

Speaking on the "Diseatablishment of Form in Music" in Sheffield, Eng., recently Dr. Coward sad that we seem to be reverting to a period of formless music from which we shall again have to emerge music from which we shall again have to emerge met, he spoke of the development of the First Movement, or Sonata Form, and said from the egerness for correctness of form sprang those miles of elassical works which, having nothing but their form to recommend them, became a weariness of the first great composer who resented the rigid conventions of form, and who, by giving rein to his use nest to the ordinary listener. Beethoren was in one to prove the cath or impure jets when through the first great composer who resented the rigid con-learned in the school room. Dr. Brooks has wisely ventions of form, and who, by giving rein to his said, "A school song in the least of a child will do splendid imagination, so extended the scape of the is sumely for his character as a fact in his memory or trace the original models. Some and the school room is the inches." tentions of norm, and wen, by giving rean to mee state of the control of the cont possing variety which the new departure in the di-rection of expression, after the formal age, made inevitable. Utterly different as was the nature of Schumann, his work in general tended in the same direction, and, as it were, filled up the other half of the circle which Chopin left comparatively vacant. the circle which Chopin left comparatively vacant. He saw from the first that something different from the saw from the first that something different from the same that son, Dr. Coward showed that the formless music of which he had spoken was made interesting, not by development of themes, but motives, different har-monies, etc., and that we must raise to a proper appreciation of these factors if we wish to encour-age and enjoy modern music.

### MAURICE GRAU OPERA CO. INCORPORATED.

The Maurice Grau Opera Company of New York city was incorporated at Albany, May 1st, to give operatic and dramatic entertainments in New York, Boston, and other cities. The capital is \$150,000, divided into 100 shares, Tae company will begin business with a capital of \$20,000. The directors and nes with a capital of \$0.000, or will begin miss stockholders are. Edward Lauterback, Royaland E. Knoedler, and Charles Frazier, fifty shares each, schoert Dunloy and Heary Davian, 100 cach, and York city. The last two named directors do not sub-cribe for any stock. The other subscribers are: Metropolitan Opera and Real Estate Company, 300 Knilling, 100 shares each; Theoladd Chartra, Jefferson M. Levy, and the Tyson Company, all of New York eight fifty shares each.

The musical world has to-day to mourn the death of William T. Best, the foremost of Englands great organists, who died in London on May 10th. He was more than 1889. In 1858 he became organist of George's Hall, Liverpool, in 1885, and at the Boyal Albert Hall, Kensington, in 1871. He gave up the organ at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, in 1894, Among his compositions are the following organ works: "Modern School for the Organ, 1885," Art works: "Modern School for the Organ, 1885," Art Bernstein Leicester Spare, Lending and Market Spare Lending Lending Spare Lending Le

#### MUSIC IN EDUCATION.

The influence of vocal music as a moral force has instituting in the minds of chaireft those moral and religious truths which will shape their lives and con-trol their future actions. But when a child learns some truth expressed in the words of a favorite song, its influence goes with him at all times. The boy forgets the oath or impure jest when through

as much for his character as a fact in his memory or principle in his intellect."
Because the impressions of early childhood are the Because the impressions of early childhood met. Because the impressions of early childhood con-cerning the childhood control of the childhood con-cerning the childhood control of the childhood con-trol of the childhood childhood childhood childhood childhood the songle learned in the school rooms of to-day. To develop the intellect is not sufficient; we must go deeper than that if we would do the greatest good to the child, and show him there is a higher

good to the child, and show him there is a higher development,—a development of the soul life. Only as we recognize the inefficiency of "direct teaching" to secure higher development do we value and ap-preciate the influence of the music in securing the

desired results.

Good music exerts a wonderful power for good over the heart, and a little song may influence the destinies of the world. It is said a song heard on the street so touched a good woman's heart that she made a home for a boy-singer in her house, and saved to the world—Luther.

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Music is the universal chord to which the hearts of all men vibrate. Well has a writer expressed:

"Songs containing moral precepts, and lessons and songs of the affections generally, will surely develop like sentiments in the children who sing them. In like sentiments in the children who sing them. In no way can a code of morals be taught, or the sensi-bilities and emotions be so trained and developed into their better and higher uses, as through the in-strumentality of song." Recognizing this, the time may soon come when music will be considered the most important subject taught in our schools. The best means of culture is singing. Music is at home a friend, abroad an introduction, in solitude a sola friend, abroad an introduction, in Solitude a Solice, in Society an ornament, and we heartly agree with the following beautiful quotation: "Music is God's best gift to man; the only art of heaven given to the earth, and the only art of earth that we can take to heaven."—Journal of Education.

## MOBERLY SAENGERFEST.

The first annual Senegrefs at Molerly, Mo, was given on the 26th and 37th ultimos, under the direction of Mr. Johannes Gostze. The programmes for the occasion were replete with excellent numbers and were removed to the set known tailmany being obliged to stand during the performances. Among those who deserve special mention for splendid work were Wiss Lillie Snythe of Moleration of the Mr. A. H. Sauter of Boonville, pianist. The playing of the overture, "Poet and Peasant," by the orchestra the overture, "Poet and Peasant," by the orchestra electbraid "Alpine Storm," River Kings, "Home, Sweet Home" and "Gems of Scotland," Jean Paul's "Sprine of the Wind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Wind; and Beetlovenies" "Moonsweet Home" and "Gems of Scotland," Jean Paul's "Sprine of the Wind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Home" and "Gems of Scotland," "Sur "Wind," and "Lectivenies" "Moonsweet Home" and "Gems of Scotland," "Sur "Wind," and Eccitoriated "Alpine Storm," River Kings, "Home, Sweet Home" and "Gems of Scotland," "Sen Paul's "Sprine of the Wind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Sprine of the Wind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Sprine of the Wind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Sprine of the Vind," and Beetlovenies "Moonsweet Sprines of the Storm Mind, and Marketing Wind, and Marketing Wind, and Marketing Wind, and when the Sprine of the Storm Mind, and Marketing Wind, and when the Storm Wind, and Marketing Wind, and when the Storm Wind, and Wind,

the greatest enhancement is due Mr. Johannes Goetze for the magnificent success of the Saengerfest and the artistic work of his pupils who participated in the programmes. Mr. Goetze is doing noble work for music in Moberly.

It seems as if the modern French composers excel least of all in melodic invention. They can write highly dramatic operas, and paint remarkable tone pictures for orchestral concerts, but they do not seem able to hit upon tunes which eatch the public ear,— the sort of tunes in which Bizet, Gounod, Ambrois Thomas, and the other famous writers of their day

#### MAJOR AND MINOR.

The Chicago Amateur Musical Club gave a benefit concert for Miss Mary Angell, a pupil of Mr. Sher-wood's, at Steinway Hall, Teasday evening, May 11. The Sherwood Club will give a public concert Rectial Hall June 1. A concert oprogram has been arranged, and the Club will be assisted by the Sher-vood. Canada of the Club will be assisted by the Sher-vood. Saens' Concerto in G Minor

Verdi is at work on an oratorio and not an opera as was reported some time since. He is working on it leisurely, however, and it will not be ready for a

Marie Brema has had much success in concert-iving in Germany, with the celebrated pianist and

"Gernot" is the title of d'Albert's opera, which was performed at Mannheim recently. The libretto is by Gustav Kastrupp, and the subject was taken from the early history of the Germanie race.

Miss Anna Crouch, twenty-sixth child of the late Nicholas Crouch, author of "Kathleen Mayour-neen," was recently married to Mr. Charles E. Bos-

In forming a judgment of compositions, distinguish between those which belong to true art, and those which are intended merely for the entertainment of amateurs. Abide by the first; do not quar-

Brahms left no will, but in a letter to his pub-lisher, Herr Simrock, he states that he makes the Vienna Society of Friends of Music heir to his for-tune of \$40,000, his copyrights, and manuscripts. An attempt is being made to have this letter admitted

Frau Amalie Materna, who retired from the stage a short time ago, has established herself in Vienna as a teacher of singing. She will devote herself mainly to training advanced operatic aspirants, especially in Wagnerian roles

The student should always bear in mind the greatest models, and emulate them; he should become more and more familiar with masterpieces, or other or exceeds link or sense of their beauties; the third partial development attained would place him always and the companion of the c him above the common run of amateurs .- Mo-

The theatres in Japan have a novel method of pass-out tickets, which are positively not transferable. When a person wishes to leave the theatre before the close of the performance, with the intention of returning, he goes to the doorkeeper, with a rubber than the contract of the contra

News comes from Germany of the recent invention of what is called the Electrophonic Piano.

The chief feature of the new invention is the entire absence of the hammers; and the instrument is

It is said that this instrument possesses a remarkably pure and beautiful tone, much resembling that of the harp.

About thirty years age, writes a Bresden critice a Saxon count appealed to Reinhauste on behalf of a young dew, needy, but highly gifted, and earning a seant living by copying music. The result was that through the generosity of the composer the strug-ling the produce compositions which attracted the attention of t e world. The young man's name was Cart Goldmark.

What is claimed to be the original manuscript of "Hunne, Sweet Hone," is furned in the grave of Miss Harry Harden, John Howard Payne's sweetheart. Miss Harden declined Payne's offer of marriage, owing to her father's strong opposition to it, when his famous peem was finished, Payne sent her the original copy. After her separation from Payne, Miss Harden Itved in almost absolute seclusion.

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The Kunkel Popular Concerts came to a close on the 9th ult. No season of concerts ever given in St the 9th att. No season of concerts ever gived in 2st. Louis achieved more deserved success, or did more for the advancement of local music than the Kun-kel Popular Concerts. Their good work has been continued for several seasons, and it is to be hop d next season will find then pushing forward in the same elevating and inspiring manner. Mr. Charles Kunkel is to be congratulated on the success of his

efficiency complete the list of programmes: Sixty-second and Sixty-third Kunkel Popular Concerts: 1. Piano duet—ja) Thou Lovely Mait (Dhe Holde Maid), Mossclowski, (U) La Sonnambula-Fantasia, Paul; Mrs. Nellie Allen Farcell and Chaspice Borlesque, Hauser, Mr. Pitts Geib. 3. Song—For All Eternity, Mascheroni; Mrs. Florence Post Moder. 4. Song—Gorge — Garden Spirit German, Concert, No. 1. Boone; Mrs. Nellie Allen Parcell. Geometry, No. 1. Boone; Mrs. Nellie Allen Parcell. Geometry, No. 1. Boone; Mrs. Nellie Allen Parcell. Song—Morrily I Roam (Waltz), Schleifarth: Mr. Egmont Froehlich. 8. Piano solo—Gens of Scotland—Gaprice de Concert, introducing "Kathleen," Annie Laurie" and "Bine Bells of Socialand—Gaprice de Concert, introducing "Kathleen," Annie Laurie" and "Bine Bells of Socialand—Gaprice de Concert, introducing "Kathleen," Concert. Sot the Park Matei; Mrs. Florence Post Moder. 10. Violin solo—Il Trovatoro—Grand Fantasia, Alari, Mr. Pitt Geib, Il. Piano duet—cell and Mr. Charles Kunkel. The following complete the list of programmes:

cell and Mr. Charles Kunkel.

Sixty-fourth Kunkel Popular Concert: 1. Duo for two planos—Theme and Variations, pp. 64, 2. Violin solo—6 si Selilane, Masseagni Wilhelm's properties of the William of the

B. Shields. 8. Violin solo—Introduction, Rondo and Capricioso, Saint-Saëns; Signor Guido Parisi. 9. Duo for two planos—Introductions of the Capricioso, Papinos—Introduction of the Capricioso Charles Kunkel and Louis Conradh. 10. Trio, op 25—Piano, Violin and Violoneollo (two movements), Galandante quasi allegretto, bi) Cappriceio, allegro motio, and F.G. Anton. 11. Song—Trand Aria and Seene trom "Hamlet" (Mad Song). A. Thomas; (sung incostime) Mass Mac Estella Action. 12. Plano deciming the Capriciosomic Capricios Ca

## M. S. M. T. A.

## CITY NOTES

E. R. Kroeger gave his fourth pianoforte recital of the season at the Y. M. C. A. Hall and drew out a good attendance. The programme was admirably varied, and rendered in Mr. Kroeger's usual artistic

Mrs. Nellie Allen Parcell participated in a con-cert at Davenport, Iowa, rendering several piano solos in a way that won her high praise from the lo-

Miss Lucy Dressor gave a graduating recital in elocution, on the 22nd ult., at University Hall. Miss Dressor proved herself splendidly qualified for her work, and her artistic renditions drew out no stitude prates from her auditors. Miss Dressor is a pupil of Edward P. Perry, the public reader and teacher of elocution and dramatic action.

A Choral Concert was given recently by the choir of the Salom German M. E. Church, under the direction of George Enzinger. The soloists included Miss Addie Helmkamp, Miss Alice Niedringhaus and Mr. Otto Dierker. Mr. Enzinger played several organ selections in the most creditable manner, and was complimented upon the success of the concert.

The concert complimentary to Miss Rose Ford, given at the Century Theatre on the 21st ult., was an artistic and financial success. The programme was a special treat and one of the finest programmes of the season. Miss Ford leaves for Europe with the best wishes of a host of friends.

Miss Myra Opel, a pupil of Edward P. Perry, gave a recital in elocution, at University Hall, on the 15th ult. It was a delightful treat and reflected special credit upon Miss Opel and the thorough work of her teacher, Edward P. Perry.

E. A. Schubert, of St. Charles, gave an interest L. A. Schildert, of St. Unaries, gave an incress ing concert there recently. Among the features of the evening were the playing of the Juvenile Or-clestra, a cornet solo by Miss Alice Ehrhardt, and piano solos by Misses Alice A. Haertel, Anna Bröker, Angie Ehrhardt, L. Gut and A. Willbrand.

Miss Ruf, an eleven year-old pupil of Miss Carrie Miss Ruf, an eleven year-old pupil of Miss Carrie Vollmar, appeared as piano soloist at a concert given at the Y. M. C. A. Hull, on the 1st ult. Her selections included "Gene of Scotland" and "Bublection and the property of the property of the Scotland of the University of the Scotland of the University of the Scotland of the Scotla

The Ninth Annual Concert by the pupils of the St. Louis Piano School, (Mrs. Nellie Strong Stevenson, Director), with the assistance of a string quintette composed of Mr. I. L. Schoen, 1st violin; Mr. Chas, Kauly, 2nd violin; a Mr. R. Duis Mayer, viola; Mr. P. G. Anton, violoncello; and Mr. R. Buhl, Jr., double bass, was given on the 25th ult, at Memorial

The concert proved one of the best ever given by Mrs Stevenson. In spite of the length of the pro-The concert proved one of the best ever given by gramme, every number was played smoothly and in excellent style. Misses Nohl and Page gave a most artistic rendition of a Bach due. Misses Ora Bethune and Louise Modley proved themselves take neted young players. Where and Gages Garden Capacity and Capacity of the Capa

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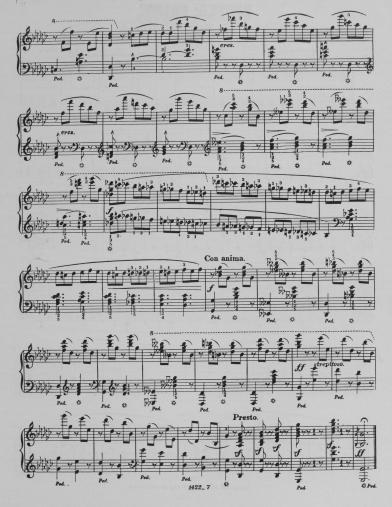












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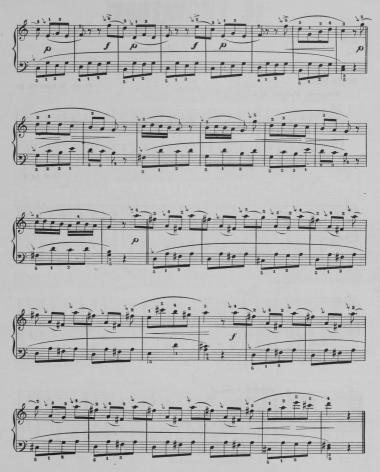
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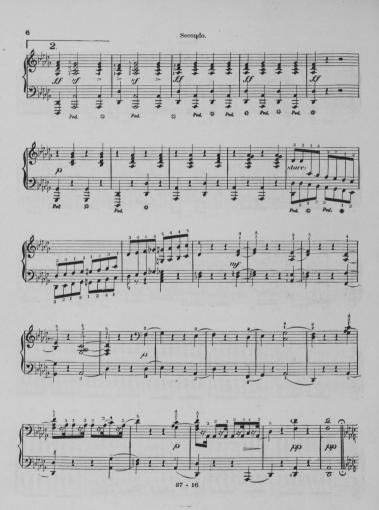






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### HOW COMPOSERS ARE INSPIRED.

The creating or composing by a musician is the greatest puzzle to the layman. How often the question was asked of me, 'How do you manage to hold on to a musical thought and to put it to paper so the compart of an orchestra and to make note of it ail? Do you do not not compart of an orchestra and to make note of it ail? Do you compart of the compart of an orchestra and to make note of it ail? Do you coperly for it, or is it vice sense."

For such inquiries it is very hard to give correct answer, especially if it is to satisfy the questioner. Such questions are soldom asked of painters, sculp-these artists of differs not from that of a poet or a musician, outsiders harbor the idea that it is easier to paint a picture than to compose a symphony or

musician, outsiders harbor the idea that it is easier to paint a picture than to compose a symphony or an opera. This childlike view can be understood, inasmuch as the musician is the only artist who does not borrow his forms from his surroundings,

does not horrow ms torms from his surroundings, but from his inner self.

The way the composers receive their first ideas is as different with each individual one as are the physiognomies or handwritings of the people in general. Without external in-paymot amount to be general. Without external impression mere can be no creative ideas, although it may not appear to be so. It is even possible that such ingrained ideas must be a ruftst without his knowledge, as this may happen while he is in dreamland. But exterior or mure Ilfe experiences are always the incentive for creative work. It may be of interest to learn something of the different namer in which old or contemporaneous musicians compose their music, also their habits while composing, and of the external influences which were necessary to do the

To get into the right mood Sarti needed a large salicit was leed through the most frequented quarters of the city with slate and penell, to be able to note at once some happy (finek, in order to translate him-eneving early, Ginek, in order to translate him-eneving carry, Ginek, in order to translate him-eneving the control of the control

Various are the accounts of how decided inspira-tions were beguten for the composition of some works. Carl Czerny reports that Beethoven re-works. Carl Czerny reports that Beethoven re-symptomy from the chatter of the sparrows in the garden. Another version has it that Beethoven sate long into the night in the open air, when the thom-long into the night in the open air, when the thom-spiration for the march in "Oberon" by seeing in a beer garden the chairs piled one on the other? Gold-ian principle of the sparrow of the sparrow of a lark at Carlshod for the singular and the song of a lark at Carlshod for the singular and the song of call of Astaroth in the second act of his "Queen of Scha". These matters are not to be laughed at. Scha" and the sparrow of the sparrow of the ments to make them important.

ments to make them important.

There exist physical secrets which cannot lightly be brushed aside. Feehner has thrown a light in his "Phychaphysik" on these singular evidences, which to sober mankind appear crazy, or at least fathomiess mysteries. Who can decide what combifathomies mysteries. which to sober mankind appear crazy, or at least fathomiess mysteries. Who can decide what could will wagner's dramatic poems, but praised that hudication of direct or indirect impressions and thoughts and the solution of the solution of

impressions that were necessary to musicians to accomplish their work. But of this we are certain: that they needed them and that they were individual loading of a stream, are noise of carriage wheels, in machinery, the ticking of a clock, on another only the right frame of the control of the control of the right frame of mind for the reception of ideas. One wants sunlight, others the night. Many can only work in the morning, others again only in the eve-

### CHURCH MUSIC.

The uncertainty of criticism is as great in music as in literature or art, says John C. Griggs, Ph. D., in an article in the Esongadie. Not only personal tasts, but the traditions of any school or period, encountries the property of the property. And we were within the church, where the use and abuse of music may be defined with some distinctness, there is yet from for with divergence distinctness, there is yet from for with divergence old English style suddenly presented to a congregation according only to simpler form, would so

Our efforts for the uplifting and purifying of mu-Our enters of care upiniting and purifying or min-sic as a means to worship, however true in purpose and lofty in ideal, will be limited just as often as we disregard the habit and training of hearers. We cannot say, as in medicine, "You must take what you don't like because we know it is best for you." habits of hearing and worshipping have been formed

But there are in worship music, in spite of divergence of thought and habit, underlying principles, applicable to all times and places, which clear the sight and lighten the task of selecting and preparing church music. For the study of its different that which has survived and become classic, whether of Palestrina or Barnby, possesses such simplicity as to be really understood without ever lapsing into appropriate the study of the such as the property of the such as the pr But there are in worship music, in spite of diverto the æsthetic sense and musical intelligence than

The fact that Rubinstein's operas have failed to gain a firm foothold anywhere indicates that they lack something; and that something is the theatrilack something; and that something is the hearri-cal sorre. There is more good music in "Nero" or the "The Maccabees" than in 20 "Cavallerias;" but Mascagni has the theatrical gift and Rubinstal lacked it, as he showed by his silly attacks on Wag-ner's methods, as well as by his own style of com-ner's methods, as well as by his own style of com-

Apart from all questions of genius, why did Wag-ner succeed as an opera composer and Rubinstein fail? Because to Wagner the opera, or music drama, seemed the highest, mobiest and most important seemed the highest, mobiest and most important his "Conversations on Music." that the opera was an inferior kind of music. Why, if he really believed as inferior kind of music. Why, if he really believed sit of all other kinds, is a more operas than mu-sic of all other kinds, is a more operas than mu-sic of all other kinds, is a more operated and many operas as Wagner, and the fact that *all* of Wagner's were popular and none of his own, embi-sition is londly attested by the fact that had in-ordination of the control of the control of the Wagner's dramatic poems, but praised that hadio-wagner's dramatic poems, but praised that hadio-tic the music of his delightful. Magle Fluirs.—Ex. Apart from all questions of genius, why did Wag.

#### MAJOR AND MINOR.

Mr. Frank Damrosch was appointed Supervisor air: ream Damised was appointed Supervised of Music in the Public Schools, at an annual salary of \$4,00, at the meeting of the Board of Education. May 5th. Mr. Damrosch received fifteen votes out of the eighteen commissioners present. He will enter upon his new duties September 1st, and, let us hope, with the success that his energy and perseverance and hard work have always hith-

The first Isolde of Wagner's opera was Malvina Schnorr von Carolsfeld, whose maiden name was is in a sanitarium at weisoaden. Sue receives a pen-sion from the royal treasury in view of her partici-pation in the original production of the opera under the patronage of Ludwig of Bavaria. Her husband, Von Carolsfeld, was a tenor, highly esteemed by Wagore. He died in Dresden in July, 1895, shortly

Munich has lately heard one of the three operas that won the prizes offered by the regent. It was called "Theurdank," and was based on the poem that deals with the adventures of Maximilian I. The ina deas with the adventures of Maximilian I. The occasion had all the spectacular brilliancy of a festival performance,—it was in honor of the regent's brittaday,—and the critics seem to attribute the success of the event to that fact. The music, which is pronounced Wagnerian in the highest degree, was composed by Ludwig Thuille, a professor in the Conservatory at Munich.

Remenyl tells this story about Liszt: When he was seven years old he already played, like a grown-pu master, Bash's preludes and fugues. One day his father, Adam Liszt, who was a good all-round musi-cian, came home unexpectedly, and heard little Liszt playing one of Bach's four-part fugues; but the fugue was written in another key than the one the fugue was written in another key than the one in which little lists was then playing. The father in which little lists was then playing. The father playing the lists was then playing the lists with intention whatever of transposing the intensely polyphonic four-part fugue. He knew that it was being done unconsciously. He asked the boy why being done unconsciously. He asked the boy why was astomished, and asked if the fugue was not written in the key he was playing it in. No; it was written in Fata, and not in G. The musician knows written in Fata, and not in G. The musician knows well what it means to transpose a complicated piece to another key; but for a seven-year-old boy to transpose a four-part fugue of Bach to a key a third

A curious comparative estimate of the two pian-

A curious comparative estimate of the two pianists—Paderwesk and Rosenthin—two geniuses at once so great and so strikingly dissimilar in temperature of the Musical Standards of London critic in a recent issue of the Musical Standards of London; that I do not care for, "he says." He is sometimes almost affected in his exaggeration of expression, and he has an irritating way of opening chords which should me; he is too delicate, his face too refined (almost to meanness); the whole appearance neither suggests strength nor great nerve-power, but a dreamy, somewhat Fuminine character. He looks like the of the most decadently melancholy of Chopins compositions. His palaying learn of himself. It is of the most decadently melancholy of Chopin's compositions. His playing is part of himself. It is full of sentiment, of despair, of yellow-hook end-off-heceonturyian. It has fire without force, and its heceonturyian. It has fire without force and its high sentiment of the control of the con

cause; advisors see where one is to draw the fine of technic; it seems to me that the technic which pro-duces a singing tone is the best. However, Rosen-duces a singing tone is the best. However, Rosen-thal is a more powerful pianist, it will be admitted, but he has absolutely no charm.

"The only pianist to be compared with Paderew-

"The only pianist to be compared with Paderew-ski for charm is Emil Sauer; but he is, if I may say so, more theatrical and, apparently, less sincere. That is one of the secrets of Paderewski's charm— sincerity. However much he may seem to you re-scaggerate expression, he never does it merely to exaggerate expression, he never does it merely to as a whole. Other pianists—and it is a positive with some of them—will make a passage stand out of a composition of the rooten dollarss of their pri-silissimos with the ungraspable delicacy of their pri-asingsimos. With one player I wot of, this vice has become habitual, so that he seems to have forgotten there are means between these extremes. No; Pad-derewski's exaggeration is absolutely an exaggeration of expression—so little a general fault that it is very churlish of one to mention it at all.

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Mile, Febea Strakosch, niece of Adelina Patti, is making rapid strides in the vocal profession. She was taught by the late Mme. Carlotta Patti. Paris is enjoying two unique sensations at pres-

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From London comes the news that Dr. Hans Richter has received an offer from Manager Conried to conduct a series of concerts in the United States

The poem, "Die Wacht am Rhein," was written by Max Schneckenburger in 1840. Several community with the several communities in 1845 by Carl Wilhelm, as a part-song for male voices. During the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, this setting became a German national song. The composer was granted \$720 annuity by Emperor Wilhelm in 1871. He died in 1873.

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No. 13. Children should not be allowed to drink anything but Crystal Water. It will save them from many ills and sicknesses.

No. 13. We make the broad claim, that in Crystal Water we have the

best drinking water on earth.

No. 14. For people who have a tendency to Dropsy or Kidney discase, nothing is better than Pure Crystal Water.

No. 15. Ladies who wish to have a good complexion should baththeir faces in Crystal Water. It cleanses the delicate pores of the skin, and
gives a softness and brightness that nothing else will give.

All products of the Crystal Water Company have for a basis Pure Crystal Water, combined with the purest ingredients, thereby producing the most healthful drinks. CRYSTAL GINGER ALE

Is the finest, purest and most aromatic Ginger Ale in the world. As a tonic, it is unsurpassed. Try it, and you will think you are drinking the most delicious nectar. CRYSTALARIS

Is the most delicious sparkling Mineral Water ever offered to the

It is free from disease germs, public.

Free from Line, Ammonia, and Mineral impurities.

Free from Organic matter.

It is especially wholesome when taken with meals. It aids digestion, and creates a healthy appetite. It is pure, delicious, soft, and healthgiving, It is the cheapest and best; best because it is pure. Packed in 42 and 50 quarts to a case, and peaked in 48 and 100 pints to a case. Every family CRNSTA1 and the soft of the control of the c

should have a case in their house.

CRYSTAL LITHIA,

Both still and sparkling, is recommended by all the most prominent
Physicians of this country as a sure remedy in cases of Uric Acid, Gravel,
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able remedy, as produced by the Crystal Water Co., is superior to all others
because it is made from absolutely pure water, and the agrains of pure Lithia
to the gallon. Look at the analysis of Spring Lithias. They are full of solids
and organic matter. Every arini of these solids, many of them extreme
inflammation which the Lithia is intended to allay. By using Pure Crystal
Lithia, the system gets nothing but that which is beneficial, with the resultant of speedy relief. Always ask for Crystal Lithia, still or sparkling. It
is always pure and reliable.

By MICHAE (in Subona)

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As put up by the Crystal Water Company, are superior to all others. Why drink impure water in the form of Seltzer and Vichy when you can get

Crystal Lemon Sour, Cream Soda, Orange Phosphate, Wild Cherry Phosphate. Birch Beer, Sarsaparilla, and Lemon Soda, are the purest and most aromatic drinks ever offered to the public. They are invigorating and